

1 AN ACT in relation to public aid.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by
5 changing Section 4-1.12 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/4-1.12)

7 Sec. 4-1.12. Five year limitation.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, no
9 assistance unit shall be eligible for a cash grant under this
10 Article if it includes an adult who has received cash
11 assistance as an adult for 60 months, whether or not
12 consecutive, after the effective date of this amendatory Act
13 of 1997. The Illinois Department may exempt individual
14 assistance units from the 60-month limitation or determine
15 circumstances under which a month or months would not count
16 towards the 60-month limitation even though the assistance
17 unit did receive cash assistance under this Article.

18 (b) Six months before the end of an assistance unit's
19 60-month limitation period, the Department shall conduct an
20 intensive casework review of the assistance unit's
21 circumstances and continued need for assistance.

22 (c) Upon the recommendation of a Department caseworker
23 following the review required under subsection (b), and based
24 on an assistance unit's hardship and good-faith efforts to
25 become self-supporting, the Department may extend the
26 60-month limitation period for additional periods of 6
27 months.

28 (Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.